

Call for experts to assist the European Defence Agency (EDA) with tasks in connection with the Preparatory Action on Defence Research

1. The European Defence Agency (EDA) is launching a **call for experts** to be registered in the European Commission's Participant Portal and who can be called on in connection with the Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR) (2017-2021), for the following tasks:
 - (a) evaluation of proposals
 - (b) monitoring of the implementation of actions
 - (c) ethics reviews, checks and audits.
2. EDA is looking for experts with a high level of **expertise** and professional experience in a military context, in one or more of the following areas:
 - Unmanned Platforms
 - Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR)
 - Effects
 - Force Protection and Soldier Systems
 - Military Cyber protection

Expertise will also be required on cross-cutting issues such as:

- Strategic technology foresight
- ITAR-related components in Europe's armament systems
- Military standards and interoperability
- Military ethical, legal and societal aspects

Prospective independent experts shall also have appropriate language skills in particular in English for the tasks to be carried out.

3. **Registrations** must be submitted via the following address:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>

The call for expression of interest is permanently open (no **deadline**).

However, early application is encouraged, since the first experts will have to be appointed in the third quarter of 2017.

Experts who already registered in the Participant Portal database of independent experts are invited to access the following website, to declare their interest in PADR assignments (and update their area of expertise):

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/experts/profile/index.jsf>

4. EDA will use the database for selecting the experts it needs.

The experts will be selected on the basis of the technical skills, experience and knowledge and language skills needed.

In addition, EDA will seek a balanced composition within the expert groups in terms of various skills, experience, and knowledge, geographical diversity and gender.

Moreover, EDA will ensure a reasonable rotation of independent experts for proposal evaluation from one year to the next.

If needed and duly justified, EDA may exceptionally also select experts from outside the database.

5.  Please note:

Registration in the database does not automatically mean that you will be selected for task assignments.

If selected, you will need to get appropriate security clearance before appointment, and need to be validated by the Member State that issued the security clearance¹.

Selected experts may be managed via the Participant Portal. By submitting this application, you agree to accept to use the Participant Portal electronic exchange system in accordance with the Participant Portal Terms & Conditions.

All sections of the application form must be completed (and kept up-to-date). Areas of expertise and professional experience must be adequately detailed and documented.

Your registration will be considered complete only once marked as valid.

The personal data collected in the context of this call will be processed in accordance with Regulation No 45/2001².

Your name may be published in accordance with Article 204 of Regulation No 966/2012³ and Article 287 of Regulation No 1268/2012⁴.

You will be required to agree to a code of conduct (including confidentiality aspects) and to confirm that there is no conflict of interest for each assignment.

¹ Contact details of the authorities are in attached list.

² Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8, 12/01/2001, p 1).

³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 218, 26.10.2012, p.1).

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31/12/2012, p. 1).

Contact details of the Authorities for validation of experts
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